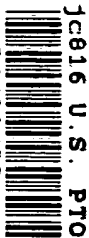


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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Case No.	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
8285/374	CLASS	SUBCLASS	F. Boortalary	2739

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 08/961,313, filed on October 30, 1997, entitled TRUNK AND SWITCH ARCHITECTURE FOR PROVIDING SWITCHED-CIRCUIT CONNECTION TO ON-LINE DATA SERVICES.

- ☒ 25 pages of Application which includes title page and 4 sheets of drawings.
- ☐ _____ sheets of new formal drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	- 20 =	0	x \$ 18 =	\$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	- 3 =		x \$ 78 =	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$260 =	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	
				Total of above Calculations =	\$
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$
				TOTAL =	

- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
☐ is enclosed.
☐ was filed in prior application number _____ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
- ☐ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover the filing fees.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventors of the invention being claimed in this application are: ROBERT LEONARD MUNSON, MELISSA MAES-WOLFSON, DONNA M. STEADMAN and EFRAIN CORTEZ.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Assistant Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____.

11. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence, "This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ division of application number 08/961,313, filed October 30, 1997, (pending, which is incorporated by reference)."

12. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed

13. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

14. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Ameritech Corporation.

15. ☐ Also enclosed: _____.

16. ☒ The Associate Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: the law firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.

a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

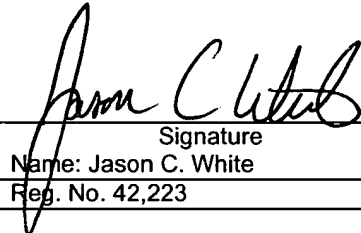
b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the Associate power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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